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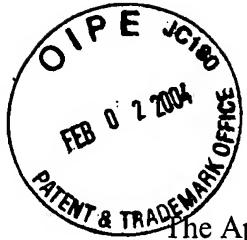
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REMARKS AND CONCLUSION

The Applicant has amended the specification to correct several typographical errors.

The Applicant has amended the claims to pursue patent claims coverage different from that sought in related applications, and to correct several minor typographical errors. Please note that in each of claims 1 and 22 one "R₁" group has been corrected to read "R₂".

Applicant invites the Examiner to contact the Applicant's representative for a telephonic interview if so doing would expedite the prosecution of the application.

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